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1. In the Pian-Rosa area of Mt. Cervino there is a receiving and transmission radio station installed in the observatory of the Nuclear Physics Studies Center, which began functioning in December 1947.
2. The station is in daily contact with the Nuclear Physics Studies Center in Rome University. Transmissions are made daily, normally from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M., on 40-49 meters. Sometimes transmissions are made at other hours of the day by appointment. The station begins its transmissions with the call words "America calling Ondulas" which corresponds to the initials "ACO", the station's call sign.
3. It is reported that Prof. Ettore Pancini, residing in Venice, early in 1948 requested from the General Inspector of the Telegraph and Radio-telegraph Office authorization to install a radio transmitter at Cervino. Prof. Pancini is openly of Communist belief and took active part in Communist clandestine military activity at Venice during the German occupation.
4. In addition to Pancini the following are employed at the Nuclear Physics Studies Center:
  - a) Prof. Gilberto Bernardini, born 20 August 1906 at Florence, a teacher at Rome University and director of the Cervino Observatory. He has been absent from Cervino for about two months and is presently in the United States for reasons of study.
  - b) Dr. Florenzo Nappo, born 18 June 1922 at Viterbo, an assistant at Rome University.

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